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1. SINCE CONSTRUCTION IN LOBBY AND CONSULAR SECTION
RECOMMENCED ON MAY 26 PROJECT PROCEEDING ALONG VERY WELL.
CONSTRUCTION OF BARRIERS IN BOTH LOBBY AND CONSULAR
SECTION APPROXIMATELY 50PCT COMPLETED. HOPEFULLY, BY TIME
MANUFACTURER'S REP ARRIVES AT POST IN MID-JUNE ONLY MAJOR
CONCERN WILL BE FOR REP TO INSTRUCT POST HOW TO REMOVE
CRACKED PLATE GLASS FROM PANELS AND PLACE NEW SAFETLY GLASS
ON PANELS.

2. ROD RINESMITH IS DOING A COMMENDABLE JOB IN IDENTIFYING
ALL WIRES AT SECURITY CONTROL DESK, PLACING IN CONDUIT,
AND DESIGNING SWITCH PANELS FOR INTRUSION PANIC ALARMS AND
ELECTRIC LOCKS.

3. RSO HAS BEEN DISCUSSING SECURITY NEEDS WITH LOCAL
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DOOR FIRMS IN THE HOPE OF PROCURING A SET OF DOORS WHICH WILL
COMPLEMENT NEW SECURITY PROGRAM IN LOBBY. DEPENDING ON
COST OF DOORS, POST MAY HAVE TO REQUEST SOME FUNDING FROM
DEPARTMENT. EXISTING DOORS ARE UNSERVICEABLE AND HAVE OUTLIVED
USEFULNESS.

4. AS PROJECT CONTINUES, RSO HAS REVIEWED ALL AVAILABLE

CORRESPONDENCE AND CAN FIND NO INCLUSION OF A WALK-THROUGH METAL DETECTOR INTO LOBBY PUBLIC ACCESS CONTROLS. CONSEQUENTLY, RSO PROPOSES THAT A SENTRY WALK-THROUGH METAL DETECTOR BE INSTALLED IN BETWEEN NEW EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR ENTRY DOORS AT FRONT ENTRANCE. DETECTOR CAN BE INSTALLED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO NOT TO BE AN "EYE-SORE". PROPOSAL CALLS FOR VISITORS TO PULL EXTERIOR ENTRY DOOR OPEN AT WHICH TIME THEY ENTER AREA BETWEEN EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR ENTRY DOORS. DETECTOR WILL BE INSTALLED IN THIS SPACE. PRESSURE PAD IN FRONT OF INTERIOR ENTRY DOOR WILL BE WIRED IN SUCH A WAY THAT IF DETECTOR ACTIVATES CIRCUIT PRECLUDES PRESSURE PAD FROM OPERATING. LOCAL GUARD CO-LOCATED BEHIND BALLISTIC ENCLOSURE WITH MARINE GUARD WOULD THEN COMMUNICATE WITH VISITOR THROUGH INTERCOM AND DETERMINE BASIS FOR ACTIVATION. LOCAL GUARD WOULD ALSO HAVE TRANSFER SWITCH ENABLING HIM TO LEAVE PRESSURE PAD OPENER INTACT FOR EMPLOYEES, THUS ENSURING THAT ACCESS OF EMPLOYEES IS NOT HINDERED. RSO SOLICITS SY/RSS CONCURRENCE.

5. WITHOUT WALK-THROUGH METAL DETECTOR PRESENT LOBBY PLAN PRECLUDES ADEQUATE SCREENING OF PERSONNEL, ALTHOUGH PRIEFCASES AND HAND-CARRIED ITEMS WILL BE CHECKED VIA PACKAGE BINS INSTALLED IN NEW DESK CONFIGURATION. ALTHOUGH HAND-HELD DETECTORS WOULD BE AN ALTERNATIVE TO A WALK-THROUGH METAL DETECTOR RSO DEEMS THIS OPTION TO BE DIS-ADVANTAGEOUS FROM A "PR" POINT OF VIEW.
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6. ON JUNE 9 OIC/RTC BAGNAL WILL BE SENDING SEABEE (GROSS) TO SEOUL TO RECONFIGURE INTERIOR OF NEW SECURITY DESK IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE CCTV MONITORS, RADIOS, ALARMS, ETC.

7. FYI: PHOTOGRAPHS HAVE BEEN TAKEN DURING COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION TO AVAIL TO SY THE BENEFIT OF POST'S EXPERIENCE WITH MANUFACTURER'S MATERIALS.
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